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Serial No.: Unassigned	)
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For: IMPROVED CONVECTION OF	
ABSORBENT CORES PROVIDING	
ENHANCED THERMAL TRANSMITTANCE	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the title insert a new paragraph as follows:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/997,233, filed November 30, 2001, now pending.--